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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 26, 2002, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows. The period for response to the Action expires on October 26, 2002.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend Fig. 1 as shown on the attached drawing correction sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph beginning on the last line of page 5, and continuing through line 21 of page 6 of the specification:

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--Armature-shaft bearing 26 mounted on armature shaft 14, together with armature shaft 14 upon which the entire armature 12 including commutator 28 is mounted, is inserted into a bearing seat 32 formed as a hollow-cylindrical section of worm housing 18. Armature-shaft bearing 26 is retained axially in bearing seat 32 by one

C1 amended
or even a plurality of detent elements 34 distributed over the periphery. Detent element 34 has a spring tab, likewise designated by 34, which laps paraxially over armature-shaft bearing 26 at the periphery, and which has a detent projection 36 at its free end which grips armature-shaft bearing 26 from behind at an end face facing armature 12 and thereby retains it axially in bearing seat 32. When inserting armature-shaft bearing 26 into bearing seat 32, detent element 34 is pressed elastically to the side by armature-shaft bearing 26, as indicated in Figure 1 with dotted lines. After armature-shaft bearing 26 has gotten over detent projection 36 of detent element 34, detent element 34 springs back into its starting position in which detent projection 36 retains armature-shaft bearing 26 axially in bearing seat 32 in a snap-fit connection 37.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

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7. (Twice Amended) An electric motor comprising:
 a housing having a bearing seat;
 an armature shaft; and
 an armature-shaft bearing situated in the bearing seat of the housing,
the armature-shaft bearing being retained axially in the bearing seat by one of a detent and a snap-fit connection and by a portion of the bearing seat.

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

Claims 7-16 are currently pending. Claim 7 has been amended to correct an informality in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. No new matter has been added.